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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Ryoji KAWAMURA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3728  
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Application No.: 09/986,998 ) Examiner: S. Luong  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 14, 2004, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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